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COOK HOPES TO FIND SKELETON OF THE APE-MAN

GEOLOGIST DOING HIS BEST TO COMPLETE DISCOVERY.

His Ambition Is to Have the Federal Government Make Fossil Beds Permanent Exhibit.

Harold Cook, geologist and ranchman of Agate, Nebraska, discoverer of the quite missing link unquote tooth in the fossil beds on his ranch near Agate, a short distance northwest of Alliance, today advised Lloyd Thomas, secretary of the Alliance chamber of commerce, that he is hopeful of securing the complete remains of the quite Hesperopithecus Harold-cook unquote, which is the name given the ape-man from which jaw the tooth came, by Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn of the American Museum of Natural History of New York whose strongest wish is for only a jaw. If Harold Cook's hunt is successful, Dr. Osborn will not only have the jaw but whole skeleton of the ape-man.

Mr. Cook in his statement today said, quote the newspaper articles that have appeared so far are very accurate, and not of a yellow journal type of sensationalism to which such a discovery readily lends itself. I suppose that will come later and I suppose that I will now soon have our friend and comrade W. J. B. listing me officially among the black sheep who are so foolish as to want real facts regardless of whether they fit our preconceived interpretations or not. I surely hope that we succeed in getting the complete remains of this type. At least we are doing our best to do so. Unquote.

The Alliance chamber of commerce on Monday officially established the Agate highway, to extend from this city to the fossil beds on the Harold Cook ranch, via Hemingford. This city, being the natural embarking point for an auto trip to the fossil beds, will mark the new highway and see that it is maintained for tourist travel. The roads to the fossil beds and the museum on the Cook ranch are good and will undoubtedly be traveled by hundreds of tourists during coming months. Since his graduation from the Nebraska state university years ago, Harold Cook has been accumulating fossils from the beds on his ranch, formerly his homestead, until today he has a collection in his ranch home which is the only one in the world containing certain prehistoric specimens. It is his ambition to have the government make the fossil beds a permanent and protected exhibit, with a suitable building erected over them and to house the hundreds of fossils which he has now in his home. It is the opinion of Mr. Cook and other geologists that the fossil beds have only been scratched and that future research and excavation work on a larger scale will reveal to the world secrets which may help solve the missing link problem.

Completion of the North Star Link Winning Approval

The pending completion of the "missing link" in the North Star highway between Bridgeport and Alliance is meeting with approval from all directions. A letter to the Alliance chamber of commerce from Harry H. Burhans, executive secretary of the Denver Tourist and Publicity bureau, says: "Many thanks indeed for the information on the North Star highway relative to the completion of this route between Bridgeport and Alliance, making the route passable into the Black Hills of South Dakota. We have innumerable inquiries about this route and this information helps us materially."

Elton Harris Drew Suspended Fine for Illegal Possession

On complaint of Leopold Koestner, who conducts a dance at his farm east of Alliance, Elton Harris, son of R. L. Harris, farmer near Alliance, was arrested some days ago and a complaint of illegal possession of intoxicating liquor was lodged against him in county court. A bottle containing some liquor was found in his possession.

At a hearing before Judge Tash, the youth pleaded guilty to the charge and on promise of good behavior drew a suspended fine of \$100, paying costs of \$8.

Work Proceeding on the Alliance Tourist Camp

Work on the Alliance tourist camp, adjoining the city park on the south, is proceeding rapidly under direction of City Manager Kemmish. Trees are being set out, the camp is being fenced and city water is being piped into the camp, which will be ready for use by the time the tourist season sets in.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Alliance and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and somewhat unsettled tonight and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature.

Bert McConnell Is Taken to Columbus to Answer Charge

Bert McConnell, twenty-two years of age, was arrested Saturday evening and taken to Columbus by Sheriff H. M. Cavanaugh from that city. McConnell, it is understood, is charged with being the father of a child born to a Columbus girl. He has been employed in Alliance for the past two or three months. Young McConnell's father arrived in Alliance Monday and accompanied him back to Columbus.

Auto Fire at the Rumer Co. Handled by the Chemical

The fire truck made a run about 6 o'clock Monday to the Rumer Motor company garage, where the fireboys discovered that their work had been largely done in advance of their coming. F. A. Hively was repairing a Jackson car, which was troubled with gasoline leaking from one of the vacuum feed connections. Mr. Hively was engaged in tightening up the necessary connections, the gasoline, in the meantime, running over the floor. When the car was started, a short circuit in the electrical connections ignited the gasoline. Bud Darnell, with a hand extinguisher, had the flames under control when the fire truck arrived. The damage was slight, one tire on a nearby car being burned.

LECTURER GIVES EXPLANATION OF SCIENTIST FAITH

JUDGE SAMUEL W. GREENE SUNDAY AT IMPERIAL.

Member of Board of Lectureship of Mother Church Corrects Some False Impressions.

A large audience assembled at the Imperial theatre Sunday afternoon to hear a lecture by Judge Samuel W. Greene, C. S., of Louisville, Ky., a member of the board of lectureship of the mother church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., who spoke under the auspices of the local church.

The speaker was introduced by Mrs. L. A. Berry, the first reader of the Alliance church. Mrs. Berry said: "Ladies and Gentlemen: It is with pleasure that I, in behalf of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Alliance cordially welcome you here this afternoon to hear something about Christian Science."

"In the preface of her book, 'Science and Health, With Key to the Scriptures,' beginning at the second verse, Mary Baker Eddy says, 'The time for thinkers has come. Truth, independent of doctrines and time-honored systems, knocks at the portal of humanity. Contentment with the past and the cold conventionalities of materialism are crumbling away.'"

"We, as students and followers of Mrs. Eddy's teachings, would kindly ask of humanity, that they earnestly and sincerely investigate the claims which Christian Science makes, knowing full well, that if scientifically applied, Jesus' command to 'Preach the gospel and heal the sick' will be fully obeyed."

"Some of you may never have heard very much about Christian Science. Others may have heard many misrepresentations of the subject."

"Mrs. Eddy realized the necessity of some way or means by which false impressions might be corrected; therefore, she instituted a board of lectureship of the mother church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass., the members of which are able fitted to correct false statements, and also, to more fully explain this beautiful religion."

"I am pleased to tell you that we have with us this afternoon, one of these lecturers: Judge Samuel W. Greene, C. S., of Louisville, Ky., a member of this board. He will now address you."

Judge Greene said, in part: "Christian Science is indeed the new-old story of Life and Truth and Love. It is the simple, sweet story as it was taught and proved and practised by Jesus of Nazareth nineteen hundred years ago. It embraces just the same thought, that through the understanding of the ever-present love and power of God, humanity is healed not only of sin but of all the results of sin—sickness, sorrow, unhappiness, death."

God

Perhaps the term of Principle as used for God in Christian Science has more than any other word aroused an unusual inquiry in the average orthodox thought, for men have thought of God generally as a superman, a (Continued on Page 8.)

C. OF C. PLANS ALLIANCE-AGATE ROAD PROJECT

WILL MAKE BID FOR THE TOURIST TRAFFIC.

Plan a Booster Trip by Automobile at an Early Date in Which All Members Show Interest.

At the Monday luncheon of the Alliance chamber of commerce, J. S. Rhein, chairman of the road committee, brought up the proposition of an Alliance-Agate road. He pointed out that the Agate Spring fossil quarries, owned by Dr. Harold J. Cook, are getting an enormous amount of nationwide publicity, and that if a road were built between Alliance and Agate, it would result in greatly increasing the tourist travel through this city. Mr. Rhein suggested that a road be planned and marked, and that Alliance advertise it.

Discussion brought out the fact that there is already a fairly good trail from Alliance to Agate now, and that the road is quite good, save on occasions when the rain has cut it up badly. Reuben Knight said that so far as Box Butte county was concerned, the road was being put into good condition, but as Agate lies some fifty-four miles from Alliance, and the last portion of the route is in Sioux county, it will be necessary to get the co-operation of the officials of that county. Box Butte county has had to condemn some land by court proceedings in order to complete its share of the road.

It was suggested that Alliance could stage a booster trip, going to the quarries some Sunday. When the members were asked how many of them desired to go on such a trip, every hand in the room went up.

Physical Culture Week.

F. C. Prince, principal of Alliance high school, spoke on physical culture week. He read and explained the ten rules required by the pledge, and the members were considerably interested in the plan.

Mr. Prince then devoted some time to high school athletics. He answered some critics who have been saying that the athletic program was expensive by saying that high school athletics have been self-sustaining up to the present year, when the school board donated \$150 toward it.

The chamber of commerce endorsed the western Nebraska track meet, to be held here Friday afternoon, after Mr. Prince had explained the plans. Ten towns and ninety-five athletes have already been entered, a number of cups have been donated, and it is explained that this will be one of the big high school events of the year for the western half of the state.

Delegates to the state T. P. A. convention, which met at Columbus two days last week, did not extend the invitation from the Alliance chamber of commerce for the next state convention. The delegates, on reaching Columbus, that this was inadvisable, inasmuch as other contenders had larger delegations and were prepared to go stronger on the entertainment features.

T. E. Carney reported for the Alliance baseball club. The club recently completed its organization with the election of Charles Griffin as captain and Harold Snyder as manager. The benefit dance, held last Saturday evening, netted a total of \$128. Suits for the team have already been ordered and practice for the first games is now taking place.

It was announced that a meeting of the Denver-Black Hills highway association will be held in Scottsbluff May 4.

Mexicans Fined on a Shop-lifting Charge Monday Afternoon

Arnulfo and George Sierra, Mexicans, were fined \$100 and costs Monday in Judge Berry's justice court on the charge of shop-lifting. The scene of the difficulty was the Alliance Drug company, where the Mexicans purchased some shaving soap and asked to look at some hair brushes. While one of them was looking at the shaving brushes the other left the store. The other soon left. It was not until some time later that the loss of a shaving stand which had been on the counter at which the Mexicans made their purchases was discovered. Special Agent Martin of the Burlington entered the store to make some purchases, and B. M. Scotton, proprietor of the store, told him of the theft, and stated that he suspected the two Mexicans. Mr. Martin then found Night Policeman Stillwell, and the two proceeded to the Mexicans' shack in the railroad yards, where they found the Mexicans in bed, and the shaving set on a table. They questioned the men and then took them to the city jail. Monday afternoon they were fined \$100 and costs by Judge Berry. This fine will have to be served out in county jail as this is a state charge, not a county one. They will spend about forty-five days working on the county roads.

HEMINGFORD LAD IN TROUBLE FOR PASSING CHECKS

AN EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD YOUTH WANTED TOO MUCH MONEY.

Henry Stephenson Arrested After He Had Cashed \$20 Check and Had Presented Another.

Henry Stephenson, eighteen-year-old youth living with his parents, three miles southwest of Hemingford, was arrested by Chief of Police Jeffers when he attempted to pass a worthless check for \$50, drawn on the First State Bank of Hemingford, at the Golden Rule store. Young Stephenson had, earlier in the day, passed a \$20 check, drawn on the same bank, at the Newberry Hardware company, getting the money for it. He then tried to repeat at the Golden Rule, ordering a considerable amount of clothing. The Golden Rule called up the Hemingford bank, learned that he had no account there, and notified the police. All of the money was recovered save 30 cents.

This morning, after a session with County Attorney Lee Basye and his father, the youth was permitted to go to his home. It is understood that the complaint is hanging over his head, and that the next check cashed under similar circumstances will be the signal for prosecution. The extreme youth of the culprit, together with the fact that practically all of the money was recovered, was responsible for the leniency shown.

Alliance Auto Show at the Roof Garden May 3d, 4th and 5th

Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, at the Lowry & Henry roof garden, the automobile, battery and accessory dealers of Alliance will hold their second annual automobile show. Each will have on display the new models, and it is expected that the roof garden will be filled with crowds on the three days.

Arrangements have been made for special afternoon and evening program during the three-day exhibit. The first will be given Thursday evening, but on Friday and Saturday there will be an afternoon program also. There will be a number of musical numbers, Mrs. Inice McCorkle Dunning having charge of this part of the program.

A number of local stores are co-operating in making the three days a bargain festival, and a feature of the event will be the giving away of a Ford touring car.

Rialto to Give Opening Show This Evening

Due to a bit of hard luck, the Rialto, J. E. Hughes' new moving picture show in the old Darling location, was unable to get its apparatus working satisfactorily in time to give its opening performance Monday evening, as advertised, but the electrical troubles have been solved, and the opening play will be shown tonight. The initial bill is "A Man's Home," and a record house is expected.

County Baseball League Opened Season Sunday

Only two games were played Sunday, the opening date of the Box Butte county league, these being between the Red Sox and Fairview, in which the Red Sox took the long end of a 22 to 9 count, and the Berea-Ash Grove argument in which the Berea willow-wielders emerged victorious 7 to 1. Lawn failed to appear at Snake Creek and hence lost by a forfeit. Pleasant Hill also put in no appearance at Marple, and this gave Marple the game. No reason is known for either of these failures to play, and no word was sent to the teams who were rather "waiting at the church." Probably these teams were for some reason unable to come. This puts the Red Sox, Berea, Snake Creek and Marple in the first division, with Pleasant Hill, Lawn, Fairview and Ash Grove in the second.

Famous Buys the Laing Stock and Will Stage Sale

Announcement is made this week of the purchase of the bankrupt E. G. Laing stock of men's furnishings by Marcus Frankie of The Famous, who is planning a big sale for the near future. The stock was bought at about 30 cents on the dollar, and when this merchandise is sold, there will be plenty of bargains to pay customers for coming a good many miles to be in Alliance. The goods will be sold at The Famous location, and announcement of the date will be made later.

Cigarette Starts Blaze That Cleans the Model Cleaners

The building occupied by the Model Cleaners, 203 Box Butte was completely gutted, and all the clothing in the place destroyed in a fire starting Saturday evening about 6 o'clock. The fire started when a customer entered, lighted a cigarette, and came too near to some acetate with which the cleaner was removing some paint from a coat. The whole building soon became a flame, the inflammable vapors, and the gasoline soaked garments quickly spreading the flame.

Only three people were in the building, Ted Fielding, the proprietor, his tailor and the customer. After calling the fire department and making some slight effort to quell the flames, they were unable to open the door, which was the start of the fire a strong vacuum was formed within the building, which held the door shut. They were held in the building until the glass in the door fell out. All the glass in the front, and every article within the building was destroyed. The loss to the building itself is covered by insurance.

Mr. Fielding says that his loss is partially covered by insurance, his estimate of the loss being somewhere near \$1,500. He is planning to start in business in Alliance again, but probably not in the same location. The building has been closed and will not be open until the arrival of an appraiser.

The fire department was called out for the second time Saturday evening to put out a slight blaze at the home of R. R. Deddish, 810 Cheyenne. This was started by a short circuit, a wire running to a cave in the backyard shorting and setting fire to the pole which supported it. This was easily put out and caused no great trouble.

WERNER TELLS OF SEED POTATO CERTIFICATION

AGRICULTURAL EXPERT TELLS OF HIS WORK HERE.

In 1921, Sixty-Two Growers in Western Nebraska Applied for Inspection for 1,085 Acres.

H. O. Werner, associate horticulturist with the University of Nebraska college of agriculture, has written the following story of seed potato certification work in Box Butte county and western Nebraska, at the request of Secretary Lloyd C. Thomas of the Alliance chamber of commerce:

Mr. Werner writes as follows: "In 1921, 62 growers in western Nebraska representing a total acreage of 1,085 acres applied for inspection with purposes. At the end of the season it was found that 658 acres of potatoes were sufficiently good to be entitled for certification. This represented approximately 61 per cent of the total original acreage. Growers having 601 acres of potatoes in Box Butte county applied for inspection in 1921. Of this acreage only 261 acres passed the final inspection or in Box Butte county only 40 per cent of the fields were up to the required standard whereas, the average for the west end of the state was 61.2 per cent. In some counties over 80 per cent of the acreage originally listed passed final inspection."

According to reports that have been sent in by potato growers who raised certified seed potatoes, practically all of the Box Butte county certified seed potatoes have been sold at prices ranging from \$2.40 per hundred pounds to \$4.00 per hundred pounds. Throughout the entire shipping season, certified seed potatoes sold on a margin of from 50c to \$1.00 per hundred above the price being paid for certified potatoes of the same variety. In view of these reports supplied by the growers themselves, it is reasonable to estimate that the 18,150 bushels of potatoes that were certified in Box Butte county brought into the county additional revenue to the extent of at (Continued on Page 8.)

Bail is Not Yet Furnished for Boyd and Shepherd

Harve Shepherd and Jess Boyd are still lingering in the county coop, otherwise known as the Box Butte bastille. They have as yet failed to furnish bond, and at present it would seem that there was little likelihood of their doing so. Should they fail to furnish bail they will linger longer yet, as court does not convene until early in December. Should both the men decide to plead guilty they could, however, be taken to Judge Westover at Rushville and be sentenced. From the evidence against them 'this would seem to be the sensible thing to do, as there is little chance of escaping the pen, and should they be tried and found guilty the sentence will undoubtedly be heavier than if the state was saved the expense of trying the case.

TRACK MEET TO BE HELD FRIDAY BIG SPORT EVENT

NINE WESTERN SCHOOLS WILL COMPLETE.

Ninety-eight Men Already Entered in the Fourteen Events—Many Cups Donated.

The annual western Nebraska track meet, which will be held here Friday, May 5, promises to be one of the largest ever held, nine teams having been entered, which will include ninety-five high school athletes. The meet will be held at the fair grounds starting at 2 p. m. From the records that have been made by some of the schools this season, it would seem almost certain that the western records are due to fall. Dailey has been running at 220 in 23 3-5 and this would cut the record made by Semmons last year of 24 flat. Several other records seem doomed to fall, including the relay, which while already held by Alliance, will probably be broken by them. The local relay team composed of Dailey, Garvin, Reel and Strong, clipped off the half mile in 1 minute 39 seconds, in comparison with a record of 1:44.

Alliance has entered ten men; Bayard, eight; Bridgeport, eighteen; Lewellen, six; Oshkosh, thirteen; Kimball, fourteen; Morrill, fourteen; Scottsbluff, fourteen and Sidney eight. Most of these teams will arrive in cars, although some are due to come by train. Oshkosh will probably be the first arrival, as they will be here Thursday. Morrill, winner of last year's meet, will send at least one hundred boosters. There will probably be spectators coming from practically all of the towns, and there will undoubtedly be a large number from the valley towns, where the hopes are high.

Cups and Medals for Winners.

The cups are here, and also the medals which will be presented to the winners of each event. These medals are gold for the winner of first, silver for second, and bronze for third place. The medals are all alike in design, each having the usual track name on the face, with the inscription "Western Nebraska Track Meet, Alliance, Nebraska, 1922." The winners cup, which was donated by the Lions club, is about eighteen inches in height. The relay cup, which was given by W. R. Harper is about fifteen inches high and the cup for the winner of individual honors is slightly smaller. This was given by H. F. Thiele. All of these are beautiful cups, and something that any school or boy may be justly proud of.

Western Nebraska Records.

A short inspection of the western Nebraska records shows that they were with but two exceptions made last year. These are the broad jump, held by Semmons of Bayard, and the relay, held by Alliance. Semmons of Bayard held four records, 100 yard dash, 200 yard dash—Semmons, Bayard, 10 1-5, '21. 220-yard dash—Semmons, Bayard, 24, '21. 440-yard dash—Strong, Alliance, 53 1-5, '21. 880-yard run—Wong, Alliance, 2:17, '21. Mile run—Fruitt, Scottsbluff, 5:10, '21. 120-yard high hurdles—Lingle, Morrill, 18:3, '21. 220-yard low hurdles—Lowry, Morrill, 29:2, '21. Shot put—Campbell, Scottsbluff, 42 feet, 3 1/2 inches, '21. Pole vault—Lingle, Morrill, 10 feet 6 inches, '21. Discus throw—Campbell, Scottsbluff 104 feet 3 1/2 inches, '21. High jump—Lingle, Morrill 5 feet, 4 inches, '21. Broad jump—Semmons, Bayard, 19 feet, 4 inches, '20. Javelin throw—Semmons, Bayard, 144 feet. Relay—Alliance, 1:44, '20.

Hitching Posts for Farmers Installed on Niobrara Avenue

City Manager N. A. Kemmish, member of the Civic affairs committee of the chamber of commerce, reports that the farmers and ranchmen who drive into Alliance with teams will be taken care of in good shape. Hitching posts have been installed on the west side of Niobrara avenue between First and Second streets, and between Third and Fourth streets. The drinking fountain for animals will be installed within probably thirty days on the east side of Laramie avenue between Second and Third streets. The fountain is to be installed there because of the fact that this is a paved street, which will avoid the forming of a mud hole alongside the fountain.

Secretary Lloyd Thomas of the chamber of commerce appeared before the city council with Mr. Kemmish Thursday evening and found the members of the council willing and glad to co-operate in providing hitching and watering facilities for those who drive team into the city.